

REMARKS

Claims 220-278 are pending. Claim 253 has been amended to include the compound described on page 60, compound number 13, of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The applicants elect, as a single disclosed species, compound number 13 on page 60 of the application, which has been added above to claim 253.

Claims 245, 246, 248, 249, 251, 253, 273, 274, 275, 277 and 278 are believed to read on the elected species.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in response to the Office Action of June 7, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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